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Title: REINFORCING MATERIAL FOR PROTON CONDUCTIVE  
MEMBRANE, PROTON CONDUCTIVE MEMBRANE  
USING SAME AND FUEL CELL

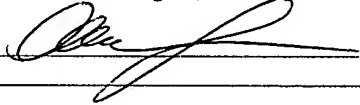
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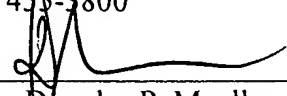
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